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Memorial Day VFW Service

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Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Corporal Forest Hill, coach of the PMO softball team, kisses the first place trophy his team had just won during the Law Enforcement Weekend Softball Tournament. See related story Page 9.

Veterans seeking active military

By Gunnery Sgt. Frank Patterson
Public Affairs Chief

War is loosely defined as the conflict between two opposing forces trying to impose their will on each other.

The inevitable result of this conflict is death and injury to the people involved. Another result is the horrific images indelibly pressed into the memories of the warrior in the conflict. No one can accurately describe or depict the horrors that exist in combat. Movie makers have attempted to convey the horror through movies like Stephen Spielberg's *Saving Private Ryan*. And as horrible as the opening sequence of that movie was it still falls short of actual combat. Some say the lucky ones are the ones left on the battlefield because the ones that come home have to live with the memories.

This is where organizations like the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, the American Veterans and the American Legion come in.

All these organizations have Con-

gressional charters and provide the returned warrior with a place to share the camaraderie of their fellow combatants. More than that though, these organizations represent the American veterans on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

A common misconception about these groups is they only accept retired or discharged military personnel. In the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2143 here in Barstow, they currently have three active duty military as members; one Air Force airman and two Army soldiers, and it appears that it has been this way for quite some time.

"Since I was on active duty in the '70s I have been a member of the VFW," said Rafael Juarez, retired soldier and incoming commander of the VFW Post 2143 here. "When an active duty member comes in here and shows their ID card then they are welcome. We try to make this a home away from home." He added the VFW has been around for more than 150

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A time to remember ...

Members of the base community: As we join the rest of the nation and celebrate Memorial Day, I ask that you first take time to reflect on the legacy of service and sacrifice.

Since last Memorial Day, soldiers, Sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guard members died in service in peacekeeping missions, or training exercises. This is their first Memorial Day to be remembered. It has been said that much can be learned of a nation's character by the way it honors its dead.

America has chosen to honor its fallen heroes with military honors, the ceremonial folding of a flag, the firing of gun salutes, the playing of Taps, and the dedication of a national holiday.

But these are mere gestures or a day off if we as individuals and collectively as communities and a nation do not stop and reflect on the meaning and value of each and every life that was given in service to our nation and its dedication to liberty and peace.

We Marines, Sailors, civilian Marines and family members directly or indirectly carry on the legacy of service and sacrifice of these fallen men and women in uniform.

To be true to the values they emulated in their service, we should rededicate ourselves this Memorial Day to our core values of honor, courage, and commitment. In doing so, we can best remember their sacrifice, and ensure the legacy of service to our nation endures.

As we join family, friends, and community this Memorial Day, wherever you may be, let us first remember those for who this day is dedicated. Then we may celebrate, for I believe those who paid the ultimate price for peace and freedom would want us to celebrate what they achieved and preserved.

May God hold close those who served and died for our nation and the cause of peace; may God comfort the families and friends of those heroes; and may God stir in each of us who serve today the spirit of service and sacrifice.

Be safe, celebrate, but most of all, remember.

Mark A. Costa
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding



Photo by Ken Poch (with support from the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association)

Take a moment to remember those Americans who gave their lives in service to their country and participate in the National Moment of Remembrance. One minute, Memorial Day, Monday, 3 p.m. See related story Page 11.

The power of what we say

By **Matthew Weir**
452nd AMW Public Affairs

I stayed sober that night because my younger brother was in town, and we planned to hang out that night and wake up early the next morning.

I had plenty of room for them in my car, but the three of us really didn't get along, so they decided to go back on their own.

I will never forget looking at them that night, partly because I knew them both, they lived in the room above me while I was stationed in Barstow, Calif., but mainly because my last words to them as they were leaving the bar were, "do you guys need a ride?"

I was the second car at the accident scene. Two women who happened to be driving by saw the whole thing and stopped to call 911.

The driver's shoe was lying in the middle of the intersection, his bare foot was hanging out the passenger side window and his head was slumped down on a badly misshapen and out of place steering wheel.

Blood was painted in an arch from the ceiling across the windshield and on to the dashboard. He was barely breathing.

The passenger was doubled over like a doll folded in half, I couldn't see his face, but skin hung from

After a week, with his parents sitting in the hospital hoping the swelling in his brain would go down, the driver passed away. His passenger, and best friend, eventually walked out of the hospital. I haven't seen him since.

After the driver passed away, the commander gathered our small company together to give us a "don't drink and drive talk."

I already knew that. I saw what it had done. It made me mad that the command put us all in the same type of class we had all sat through before. The bi-annual don't drink and drive class, with the same guest speakers and the same stupid movies, which apparently were not working.

While the commander was taking questions and comments at the end of class I could not hold back my emotions and I asked for the floor. I asked the on-scene MPs what they had seen. I went into the graphic detail of what I had seen – the blood and the crumpled metal of what used to be a green Chevy pickup truck wrapped around nearly lifeless bodies.

The logistics base in Barstow is like a small town,

where everyone knows what everyone else is doing. The month before this accident, a good friend of mine had been in one of his own. He hit a bridge support, totaling his car, scarring his legs and nearly killing himself. Two guys in the room had three DUIs each, and I knew others who frequently drove back from Victorville, San Bernardino and Las Vegas after nights of partying.

"When is this going to stop?" I asked. "Do you have to kill yourself or a friend before you stop? Maybe if you wrap your car around a telephone pole you will learn."

Because my language included some words you don't use in mixed company, I caught smirks and a few chuckles as I looked around the room. This upset me even more. I didn't think anyone was listening to what I was saying.

That was almost two years ago. The other night, I tried to get in touch with a friend who is still stationed in Barstow. I called the duty phone, a 24-hour-post, and asked if a message could be passed on to him. As I gave him my name, the corporal on the other end asked me if I was the same Matt Weir

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"When is this going to stop? Do you have to kill yourself or a friend before you stop? Maybe if you wrap your car around a telephone pole you will learn."

— Matthew Weir

the sun visor smashed through the windshield and blood was pooling on the floor, so I knew it couldn't be good.

The path their truck had taken looked like a hit from an artillery shell, pieces of metal and glass were everywhere. The estimated speed through the S-curve was around 70 miles an hour. Both of those guys were military police and should have known better.

Handling Anger

By **Lt. Cmdr. Elmon R. Krupnik**
Base Chaplain



I was driving back the other day from Phoenix on a hot day and it was uncomfortable. I realized after a few hours of driving how irritated I had become over little things,

like traffic, people, etc.

The temperature increase had influenced my emotions in a negative way. I am sure a biological reason exists and keeping cool physically is one way to handle it.

But sometimes we can not be in a cool place at work, home, or when we are traveling.

When we are in those circumstances, we need to address those feelings and speak honestly to

God about them.

If we express our feelings to God, we can deal with those feelings without exploding in harsh words and actions, possibly hurting others and ourselves.

We read in Job 7:11, "*Therefore I will not keep silent; I will speak out in the anguish of my spirit, I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.*"

Job spoke openly about his emotions regarding the circumstances he was facing. As Job knew, God can handle our anger.

The next time strong emotions threaten to overwhelm you, express them openly to God in prayer.

This will help you gain a perspective on the situation and give you greater ability to deal with it constructively.

Blessings to all,
Chaplain Krupnik



— Official Military Police photo

A photograph of a truck taken just hours after the drunk driving accident that killed one MCLB Marine and seriously injured another Marine one year and two weeks ago. This truck is the aftermath of the the same accident described in the article above.

Drinking and driving don't mix ...

By **Gunnery Sgt. Bruce Raymond**
Substance Abuse Control Officer

At times, all of us need to be reminded that certain chances are just not worth taking. This particular reminder is for everyone aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow.

Memorial Day weekend is the first long

holiday weekend for the spring and summer season. As we prepare to travel, celebrate, and spend time reminiscing with our loved ones, we should also take out time to prepare for a safe and memorable summer.

As Marines, we work hard and play even harder; we earn time off and enjoy it to the

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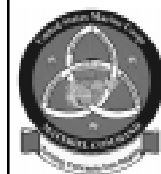
Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.
Mass Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Confession services
before Mass

Nebo Bible Study

Wednesday Noon-1:30 p.m.

At the **Chapel Office**
For more info call
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NEWS BRIEFS

"News Briefs" is designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Submissions should include a point of contact and phone number, and be received by noon, Friday for the next issue. Submit news briefs via e-mail to editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

Quarters of the Month Program

Pull out the hedge clippers and the lawn mower, your fertilizers and pruning scissors, because the Housing Office has begun its Quarters of the Month program again, with the selection process beginning at the end of this month.

Criteria for winning the award is based on how well residents keep their lawns and yard.

Awarded in the Desert View housing area awards will be given to the best kept Quarters of the officers and warrant officers; to the best kept residence of staff noncommissioned officers; and to the best kept quarters of sergeants and below.

All ranks compete for one award in the Eniwetok housing area.

For Quarters of the Month winners, there will be gifts from several merchants.

For more information call David Madrid, 577-6872.

Kindergarten Roundup Schedule

Barstow area schools are taking kindergarten registration on the following dates. Immunizations are available at each school site.

Lenwood: Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Fingerprinting available from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Espy Gutierrez or Venetia Wynn, 253-7713.

Parents must bring their child's birth certificate, proof of residency, immunization records, social security card and a record of a physical for registration.

Physical forms are available at the schools' main office or from the family's health care provider.

All Barstow Unified Schools District schools not listed have already begun their kindergarten registration process.

JROTC instructors needed

The Department of Defense is

seeking military men and women to instruct high school Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps students.

According to the American Forces Press Service, pentagon officials estimate there will be about 1,200 openings over the next three years. By 2005, the program will employ about 7,000 instructors.

Retired active duty officers and enlisted personnel are eligible to apply. There are no age limits. Processing time may take from six months to a year, and people may apply while they are still on active duty.

The service secretaries can hire O-4s to O-10s and E-6s to E-9s. Sometimes they take retired E-5s.

Each service has about a seven- to 10-day instructor training program. Once trained and certified by their service, it is up to school districts to actually hire JROTC instructors.

Once hired, instructors continue to receive their military retired pay. The service branch and school district then split the difference that returns the instructors' pay back to active duty levels.

For more information go to DoD's Transportal Web site at <http://www.dodtransportal.org>

Once there, click on the "Internet Career Links" button and then scroll down to "Specialized Job Search Links," where links to the four service branches' JROTC program pages are listed.

Office furniture giveaway

The Contracting and Purchasing Office in Bldg. 236 is giving away excess office furniture. They are giving away: modular units, filing cabinets, book shelves, sofas, chairs and desks.

For more information call Lew Hendricks, 577-6301, or Dave Reeves, 577-6931.

Golf Scramble

The Mojave Valley Volunteer Hospice is having their 9th Annual Golf Scramble June 2 at the Tees & Trees

Golf Scramble in honor of the Korean War Veterans.

There is a limit of 15 – five person teams awarded on a first come first serve basis and the entry cutoff date is May 31.

Check-in is at 7 a.m. and tee off is at 8 a.m., and there will be a continental breakfast before tee off.

Entry fee is \$35 and includes, "closest to pins," team buy in and lunch (green fees and cart not included).

There will be an awards presentation, food and a drawing at approximately 2 p.m.. Lunch is \$5 for guests.

Awards will be presented to first, second and third team high points, and first second and third team low gross.

For more information contact, Howard Hedberg, 252-5943, or the Tees & Trees Golf Course, 577-6431.

Montgomery GI Bill buy up

Effective May 1, active duty members whose original Federal Education Benefit Program is the Montgomery GI Bill program may make an additional contribution (buy up) of up to \$600 to receive increased monthly benefits.

The MGIB benefit increases by \$1 for 36 months for every \$4 contributed. For example, if a member contributes the entire \$600 additional amount, the monthly MGIB benefit would increase by \$150 per month.

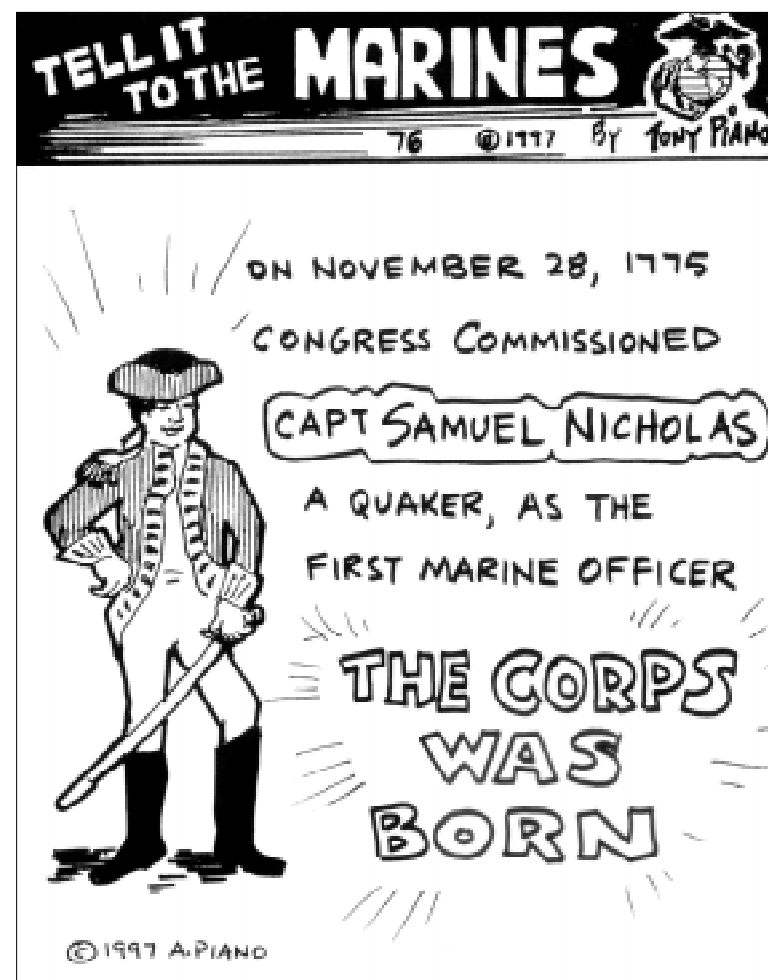
The current MGIB benefit for full-time school enrollment for veterans is \$650 per month. This additional contribution would result in a total MGIB monthly benefit of \$800.

Participants can only draw this benefit after paying the required \$1,200 and serving a minimum of two years.

For more information about the MGIB buy up, call Lance Cpl. Angelina A. Marrero, 577-6843.

Military Record Requests

Service members can get a copy of their Military Records online at



<http://www.nara.gov>

With access to a printer and Adobe Acrobat Reader, people may download and print a copy of the Standard Form 180 – Request Pertaining to Military Records.

Scholarships for Juniors and Seniors

Children and Youth Programs announce the President's Student Service Scholarship in partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

As an affiliate of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America the Marine Corps Logistics Base Youth Activities Center is eligible to participate in the President's Student Service Challenge.

Two members, who are currently high school juniors or seniors, will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship for outstanding service to the community.

In addition to the scholarship, students receive an award certificate, a letter of recognition, and the President's Student Service Award gold pin.

Boys and Girls Club members who are high school juniors or seniors during the 2000-2001 academic year and who have contributed at least 100 hours of service within the past 12 months are eligible for the scholarship.

Students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents and attend a public, private, charter, or parochial school.

Students must also meet the eligibility for Children and Youth Programs (a dependant of active duty military, retired military, DoD civilian employee APF or NAF of DoD contractor), and register at the Youth

Activities Center. Deadline for scholarship applications is Friday.

Applications and registration forms can be picked up at the Child Development Center, Bldg. 372 or the Youth Activities Center, McKinney Complex. For further information contact Children and Youth Programs, 577-6287.

Youth Drug Education Program

The Drug Education for Youth program has made its way to Barstow. The first phase of the program, a two-week summer leadership camp is June 18-29.

The DEFY program began as a special initiative by the Secretary of the Navy in 1992 when the Navy Drug Demands Reduction Task Force was established.

The year-long, two-phase program focuses on the character, leadership skills and confidence of youth 9-12 years of age, and encourages positive, healthy and drug-free lifestyles.

The first phase leadership camp in June is designed to develop life skills training in peer group leadership, conflict resolution, preemptive prevention tools for an anti-drug and anti-gang attitude, self confidence and physical education.

The second phase is a ten-month program that matches youth with mentors to reinforce the lessons and expand the skills learned during the first phase.

For more information on how to volunteer for the summer leadership

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Job Watch

Annc No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEU-205-01	Family Service Counselor GS-0101-11	05-02-01	05-31-01	05-10-01	MCLB Barstow
OTR-046-01	Electronics Worker WG-2604-08 (Temp NTE one year)	05-10-01	06-07-01	05-24-01	MCLB Barstow

Applicants interested in announcements beginning with DEA or OTR should submit their resume to:

Human Resources Service Center, Southwest
ATTN: Code 522 (announcement number)
525 B Street, Suite 600
San Diego, CA 92101-4418

For more information concerning public job announcements visit the Self-Service, Bldg. 37, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office, 577-6357.

If you have Internet access, browse to <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

For information regarding Open Continuous Merit Promotion announcements point your browser to <http://www.donhr.navy.mil>.

Skin cancer: a fast-growing risk

By Nicole Deaner
Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

PENSACOLA, Fla. – One of the fastest growing cancers in the United States is skin cancer.

Every year, more and more people develop skin cancer because of increased exposure to ultraviolet rays and the decreasing ozone layer.

The number of skin cancer cases detected each year is increasing more than any other type of cancer.

Cmdr. Mike Pesqueira, board-certified dermatologist at Naval Hospital Pensacola, said, "the skin is by far the most common site for cancer."

"The vast majority of skin malignancies are completely curable, but some cases of skin cancer can be life threatening," he said.

According to Pesqueira, there are several types of skin cancer; actinic keratosis, basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and malignant melanoma.

Actinic keratoses are persistent scaly deposits on skin that is consistently exposed to the sun.

Dermatologists usually treat them with a liquid nitrogen "freeze spray" or with a special cream.

Basal cell carcinomas are very slow growing waxy or pearly bumps, most commonly on the face or neck or ears. More than 99 percent of these can be cured with proper treatment.

Squamous cell carcinomas range from firm skin-colored bumps to red non-healing sores. Although the vast majority is curable, squamous cell carcinomas have a definite potential for spreading

to the lymph nodes or other sites, which would be worrisome.

Of all potentially deadly cancers in human, melanoma is the one whose incidence is rising the fastest. Ten years ago, there was a 1-in-300-life-time risk of getting a melanoma. Now, there is a 1-in-76 chance.

"Retrospective research has shown that just two blistering severe sunburns in childhood can dramatically increase the risk of getting a melanoma later in life," said Pesqueira.

According to Pesqueira, one reason dermatologists watch skin moles so carefully on their patients is that melanomas often begin there.

"The vast majority of moles will never turn in to cancer," Pesqueira said. "But a melanoma can begin in an existing mole. A melanoma can also begin in normal skin with no previous mole.

Pesqueira recommends examining moles and skin for any abnormal signs. Moles that have regular borders (round or oval with no growing "arms") and uniform in color (essentially all one color) usually are not suspicious for melanoma.

But it's still a good idea to have a doctor check moles occasionally.

If there's any doubt, the dermatologist may suggest a surgical removal of a changing or "funny-looking" mole.

The procedure is usually quick with a minimum of discomfort – it is always done after numbing the area with a small needle similar to the local anesthesia administered by a dentist. In most cases, biopsies of the mole end up being non-cancerous.

"Most things that seem to be 'changing moles' area actually barnacles of maturity with no potential risk," said Pesqueira. "So you shouldn't be afraid to see your doctor."

Still, most dermatologists see several melanomas per month, and it is most important that they are caught early.

"When removed early, more than 90 per cent of patients are cured," said Pesqueira. "If discovered later, the survival numbers fall dramatically."

Fortunately, melanomas are very uncommon in children, although they can occur. It's also not uncommon for children to bud new moles that are not cancerous or abnormal in any way.

Pesqueira said that often it's a wife or husband whom notices a change in a mole on their spouse, and convinces them to see a doctor.

"The usual 'hero' is not the dermatologist or family doctor," said Pesqueira. "The bottom line is, given that a melanoma cancer can kill you, any mole that seems to be changing warrants a visit to your doctor."

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fullest. At times we need to be reminded not to drink and drive. We need to be reminded not to take unnecessary risks. We also need to be reminded to take care of our own.

Doing the right thing and being responsible should be our first concern, no matter if we are at home, on the road, or out with friends. Accidents and mishaps are always waiting to happen and can happen everywhere. As long as we are safety conscious we can prevent unwanted events in our lives.

– Always use risk management, assess the situation before you partake or indulge.

– If you drink, drink in a responsible manner; know your limits. You are accountable for your actions.

– Always have a designated driver. Designated drivers don't drink alcohol on the night of designation.

– Always wear your seat belt.

– Don't drive when you are fatigued or tired.

– Never drink and drive, and don't let friends drink and drive.

– Don't make hasty decisions that you may regret.

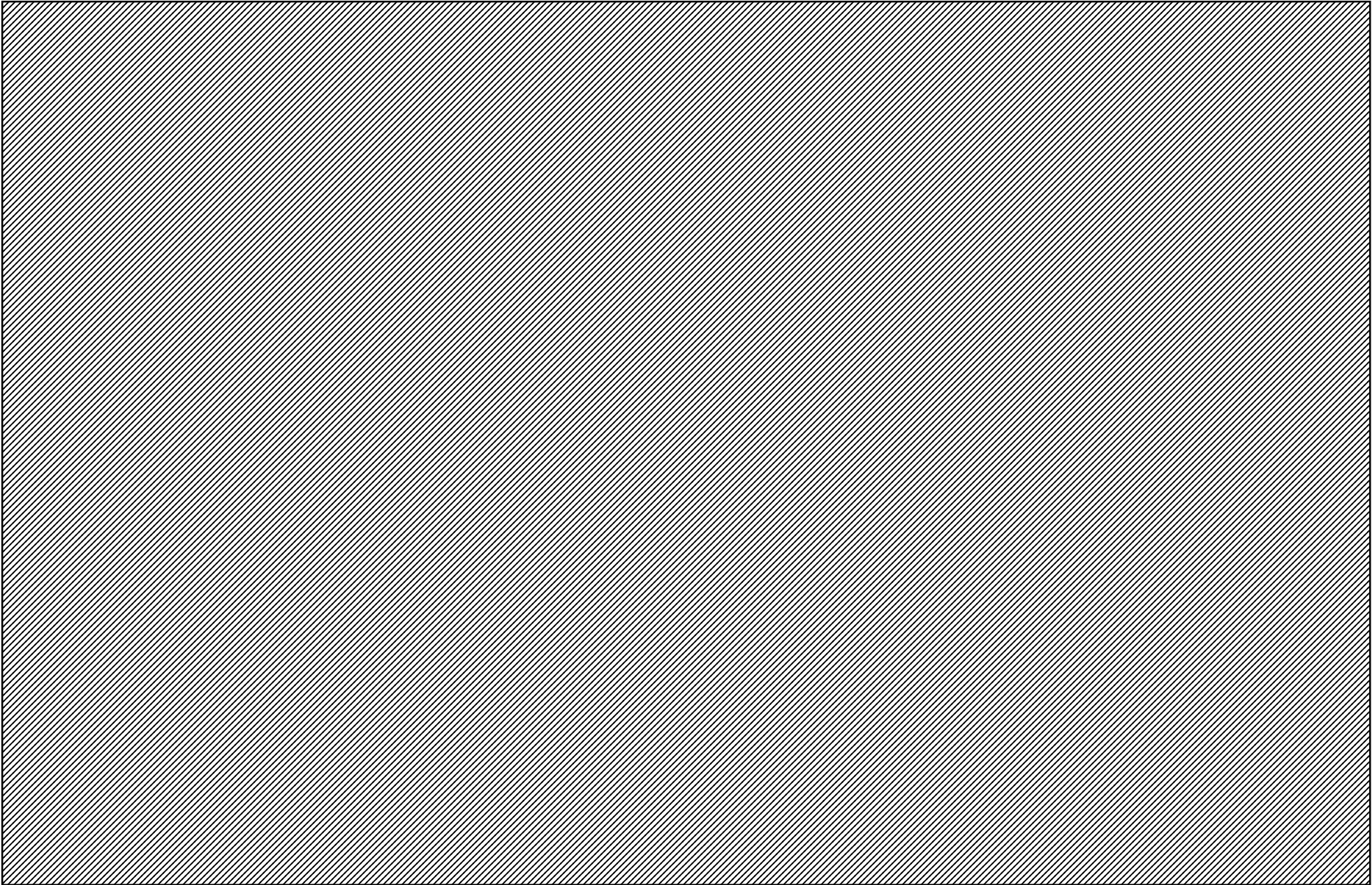
Take care of yourself, your family and your fellow Marine.

Be safe, and enjoy your holiday.

Semper Fi.

GOT NEWS?

If you think you've got something newsworthy visit the Public Affairs office in the Red Wing of Building 15 or call 577-6430.



TSP offers greater future savings opportunities

Vice Adm. Norb R. Ryan , Jr.
Chief Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON – Military members now have the opportunity to add to their retirement savings with the start of the Thrift Savings Plan “Open Season” May 15.

“The Navy decided to participate in the Thrift Savings Plan because it is the right thing to do for our military members,” said Chief of Naval Personnel, Vice Adm. Norb Ryan.

Any member of the uniformed services serving on active duty and any member of the ready reserve in any pay status may participate in the Thrift Savings Plan, a government retirement and investment program meant to encourage voluntary personal savings. TSP is not a replacement for the 20-year retirement plan

already in place, but a supplemental investment plan similar to “401K” plans offered by civilian corporations.

The “Open Season,” when Marines and Sailors will be able to enroll is 60 days long with the first scheduled “Open Season” running October 9 through December 8. Anyone already in the military that doesn’t enroll during this period will have to wait for the next semi-annual 60-day “Open Season” to enroll. New accessions will be able to enroll during initial training. Active duty military that take advantage of the initial enrollment will begin seeing TSP deposits from their pay account on January 1.

In the past, TSP investments were limited to five percent of base pay,

but recent changes in the TSP law has increased the base investment limit to six percent in 2001 with a one percent increase every year until 2006 when the cap is eliminated. IRS law limits annual tax-deferred contributions to \$10,500 in 2001.

Non-taxable contributions from combat zone tax exempt pay and hazardous pay are not subject to the \$10,500 limit. However, IRS law does impose a limit of 25 percent or \$35,000 (whichever is less).

Service members will have five investment options to choose from. They vary in associated risk and anticipated percentage earnings.

Sailors and Marines should bear in mind that the TSP is a retirement investment account and the money

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Memorial Day message from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Since 1868, Americans have celebrated Memorial Day to honor those who fought and died to preserve our freedom.

We set aside one day each year to pause and reflect on the debt of gratitude we owe to the brave patriots who stood in the breach when the defense of liberty demanded the ultimate sacrifice.

Perhaps President John F. Kennedy captured the spirit of this holiday best when he said, “A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers.”

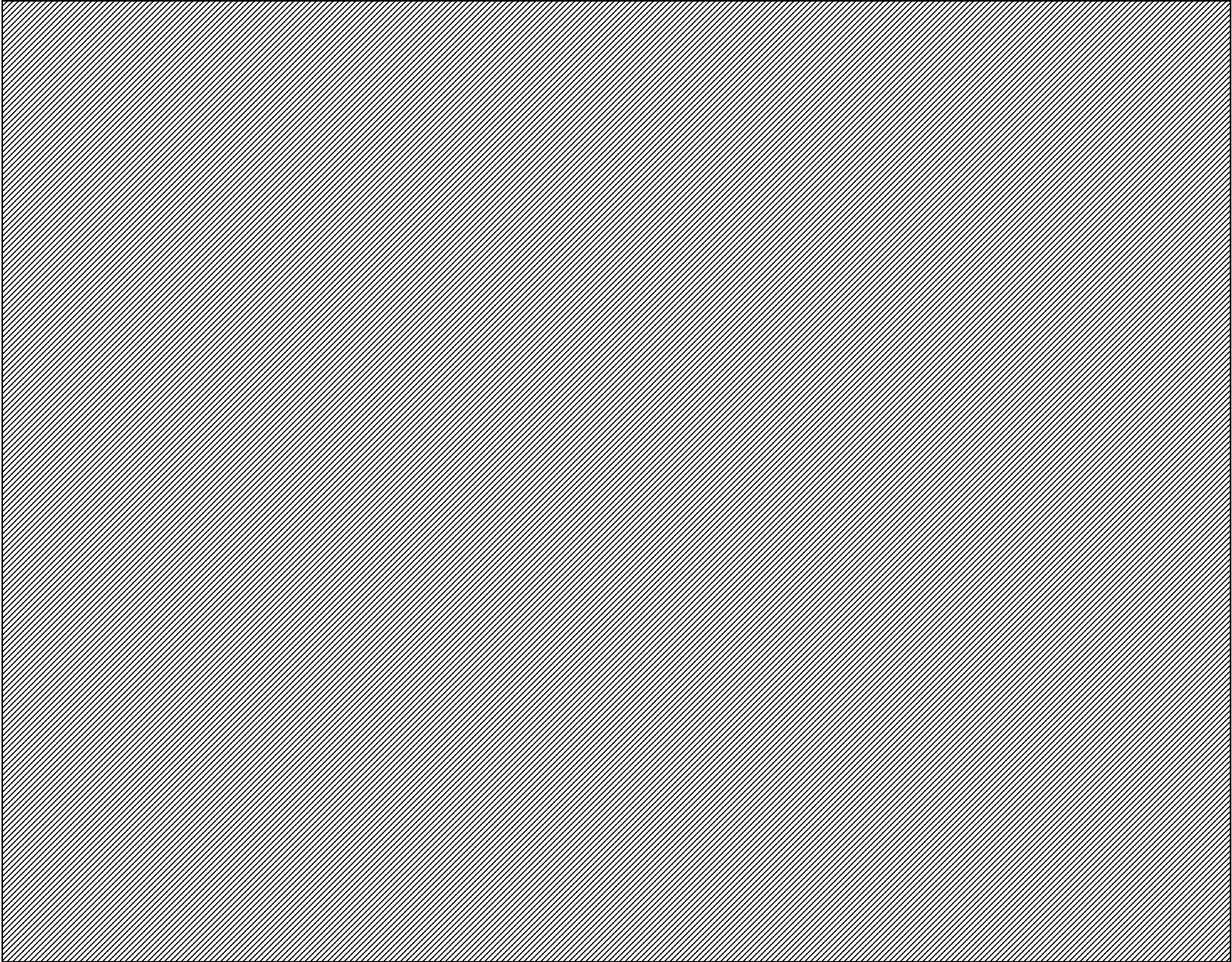
By honoring the men and women who have sacrificed their lives to protect our freedom, we ensure that their heroic spirit will live on in this new century.

Indeed, this spirit is alive and

well in today’s Armed Forces. In the mountains of Bosnia, along the DMZ in Korea, in the rocky Sinai desert, in the skies over Iraq, and the blue waters of the Pacific, our soldiers, Sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen stand watch – day and night – guarding freedom’s frontier. Today, as in the past, they bear the burdens that make America’s blessings possible for all its citizens.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff and I join every American in honoring those who gave their lives – and all of their tomorrows – so that we might live in peace. We also salute the dedicated men and women of today’s Armed Forces who actively preserve this noble legacy.

Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA



Why do civilians control the U.S. armed forces?

The history lesson behind why things are the way they are

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

Civilian control of the military is so ingrained in America that we hardly give it a second thought.

Most Americans don't realize how special this relationship is and how it has contributed to the country.

The framers of the U.S. Constitution worked to ensure the military would be under civilian control. They did not want to emulate the European experience. The colonies had just fought a war for freedom from Britain. The king controlled the British military, and the framers had no interest in duplicating that system.

When they wrote the Constitution they separated the responsibilities for the military, placing the responsibilities firmly in civilian hands.

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution states that Congress shall have the power "to raise and support Armies..." and "to provide and maintain a Navy." In addition, Congress must provide for the state militias when they are called to federal service.

Article II, Section 2 states, "The President shall be the Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States when called into the actual Service of the United States."

Congress has the power to declare war and to make the rules for governing the military.

So the framers spread responsibilities for the military around. The president and Congress had to work together

to use the military.

In the early days of the Republic, before the concept of civilian control of the military sank in, some military officers actively plotted against the government. Gen. James Wilkinson was the senior military officer from June 15, 1800, to Jan. 27, 1812. He fought in the Revolutionary War and outfitted the Continental Army. He was forced to resign rather than answer charges he embezzled funds. After the Revolution he allied himself with Aaron Burr and went back on active duty.

Wilkinson became a key figure in the plan to induce what was then the "southwest United States" to form a separate nation allied to Spain. He took an oath of allegiance to Spain, spied for his new, secret patron and received an annual Spanish pension of \$4,000. He was the governor of the Louisiana Territory from 1805 to 1806.

When his involvement with Burr became common knowledge, Wilkinson turned informant, telling President Jefferson that Burr was plotting to disrupt the Union. He was the chief prosecution witness against Burr and narrowly escaped indictment himself.

He continued as the ranking officer in the Army through 1812, when his incompetence and scheming were finally recognized and he was relieved. Once again an official inquiry left him untouched. He spent his remaining years in Mexico receiving the Spanish stipend.

With the growth of political parties, an officer's political allegiance became important. President John Adams appointed Federalist officers to the military. As Jefferson's private secretary, Army Capt. Meriwether Lewis vetted the "Republican" (later Democratic) credentials of his fellow Army officers.

This reinforced the belief in the U.S. military that officers should not participate in politics. They should follow the orders of the president and the wishes of the Congress no matter who was in power.

The U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., did much to promulgate this idea. Still, even as more West Pointers joined the Army, some officers played politics.

During the war with Mexico from 1846 to 1848, newspapers made charges that Democratic President James K. Polk did not want to entrust the military to Gen. Winfield Scott or Gen. Zachary Taylor, two Whig generals. The papers were right.

Taylor, the hero of the Battle of Buena Vista, never voted in an election. He never sought or campaigned for any office. Because he hadn't been expecting any good mail from Washington, he refused delivery of the Senate's letter telling him he'd been elected president – in 1848, recipients paid the postage, not senders.

The American Civil War of 1861-1865 was the period of greatest danger to civilian control of the military. As the war progressed, more and more people called for a military dictatorship. One prime proponent of this was Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker.

After the Union defeat at the Battle of Fredericksburg, Va., President Abraham Lincoln decided to appoint Hooker as commander of the Army of the Potomac – the leading army of the Union. He wrote Hooker one of the most amazing letters in American civilian-military relations.

Lincoln said in part: "I have heard, in such way as to believe it, of your recently saying that both the Army and

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camp or the mentor program call the Chaplain's office, 577-6849, or Gunnery Sgt. Bruce Raymond, 577-6364.

Route 66 Street Fair

The Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Route 66 Street Fair and Market Festival begins June 5 and continues through August 28.

This year's events will be held on Main Street in Old Town Barstow, between Barstow Road and Second Avenue. Festivities run from 6 to 10 p.m. each Tuesday.

Kicking it off on June 5 will be the always popular Calico Night. Additional themes planned for the street fair include City Night Out, National Night Out, Multicultural Night, '50s

Night and Off Road Night.

Anyone interested in being a vendor or assisting with the planning of this summer's community events call Cheryl Beardshear, 255-4834, or the Chamber of Commerce, 256-8617.

Pet Registration

A reminder to pet owners aboard MCLB: Pets, just like vehicles, should be registered with the Vehicle Registration Office in Bldg. 36.

If a pet is not registered and is picked up as a stray aboard the base, the pet will be taken to the Humane Society.

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For more information call Gunnery Sgt. David Pooler, 577-6457.

AROUND THE CORPS

Marines, Army lead in close-quarters combat training

By Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The Marine Corps and the Army – America's land combat forces – are the leaders among the services in teaching troops hand-to-hand combat and martial arts skills.

Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Jones last year set a goal that all Marines would receive training in entry-level martial arts skills and be given the opportunity to achieve higher levels of expertise.

On March 20, Jones presented tan belts to the first officer basic school graduates to complete initial martial arts training at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

Eventually, "all Marines, regardless of age, sex, rank or job will do this training," said Lt. Col. George H. Bristol, director of the Marines' martial arts program at the Combat Development Center at Quantico.

The program, evolved from a May 2000 test study, "is designed to further develop the complete warrior that has always been the United States Marine Corps," he said.

Marines' martial arts training features "a blend of proven disciplines including judo, karate and jujitsu, and bayonet and knife-fighting techniques," said 1st Lt. Jesse L. Sjoberg, Bristol's deputy.

Bristol, who has 35 years of martial arts experience, said the training is necessary because of changing world events.

"Right now, the world environment is more uncertain than it has ever been," he said. "Within a few days, a situation can escalate from humanitarian missions to full-scale combat."

Bristol said the martial arts program integrates three warrior disciplines:

- o Mental discipline: The development of the combat mindset and the study of the art of war.
- o Character discipline: The firm integration of ethics, values, integrity and leadership.
- o Physical discipline, comprised of fighting techniques with rifle and bayonet, bladed



— Official USMC Photo

Sgt. Phillip Wyman (left) and Gunnery Sgt. Michael Barnhill conduct bag drills at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.



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Staff Sgt. Dema Lege (left) and Maj. Kelly Heatherman practice unarmed strikes at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

weapons, weapons of opportunity (stick, club, gun), and unarmed combat; combative conditioning – the ability to fight while fatigued in a combat environment; and combat sports – boxing, wrestling, and wooden trainer bayonet fighting.

The Marines' martial arts training is composed of striking, grappling and weapons fighting skills, Bristol said.

All Marines are required to earn a tan belt, representing entry-level training, he said.

Subsequent higher awards of gray, green, brown and six degrees of black belts can also be earned.

The program develops confidence not only in individual Marine combat skills, Bristol said, "but also in the skills of your fellow Marines," because battlefield combat requires teamwork. Marines who learn lethal combat skills are expected – and required – to use them responsibly, he said.

"The program teaches the ability to kill, but it is also tightly balanced with ethics," Bristol said, as part of the Corps' definition of a warrior.

"A Marine (is) highly skilled in a lethal technique who can function appropriately in any environment. That includes the battlefield to his or her place as a citizen in society," he said.

Army recruits en route to become infantrymen at Fort Benning, Ga., get 15 hours of hand-to-hand combat instruction over 14 weeks as



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Sgt. Byron Bell (left) and Sgt. Kevin Murphy tangle with their wooden rifles during bayonet training at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

part of the infantry's One Station Unit Training program, said installation spokesperson Elsie Jackson.

Troops attending the post's elite Ranger School receive an additional 18 hours of hand-to-hand combative training, including boxing, she added.

Army Special Forces students at Fort Bragg, N.C., receive extensive hand-to-hand combat training, said Carol P. Darby, spokesperson for U.S. Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg.

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PERSONAL SERVICES BULLETIN

Marine Corps Community Services – Personal Services Division

Believe it or not

Recent studies show positive and negative emotions affect us now and later

A study entitled, *"Expressions of positive emotion in women's college yearbook pictures and their relationship to personality and life outcomes across adulthood,"* provides evidence that women who are prone to expressing positive emotions experience fewer psychological and physical difficulties, have better relations with others and generally feel more satisfied with their lives.

In what is the first study to link positive emotional expression to personal well-being, women's college yearbook pictures from 1958 and 1960 were rated for facial expressions. The women in the pictures featuring the greatest positive emotional expressions (a broad smile, for example) viewed themselves high on personality traits associated with good interpersonal and cognitive skills. They were also viewed more favorably by others.

Women who expressed more positive emotion in their yearbook pictures became more organized, mentally focused and achievement oriented and had more favorable attitudes about marriage and personal well-being, even up to 30 years later.

Another study, *"Emotional distress regulation takes precedence over impulse control: If you feel bad, do it,"* suggests that negative effects of emotional distress on such impulsive behaviors as eating fattening snacks and seeking immediate gratification could be eliminated by telling people that their moods are temporarily immune to change.

In a study with three experiments, participants who believed their moods were susceptible to change, as people normally do, responded to bad moods by increasing various impulsive behaviors: eating (Experiment 1), immediate gratification (Experiment 2), and procrastination (Experiment 3). All these effects vanished, however, when they were led to believe that these impulsive acts would not improve their mood.

This is one of the reasons why people battling with drug and alcohol addiction may find that a single afternoon's emotional distress can lead to an indulgence that could sweep away months of effort to achieve sobriety, say the authors.

Another recent psychological study, *"Age-related differences and change in positive and negative affect over 23 years,"* paints a decidedly positive portrait of emotion in old age by showing that the tendency by most people to have a positive outlook on life continues into their "golden years."

This longitudinal study involved four generations of families, spanning from 1971 to 1994. To determine their outlook on life, the researchers asked the participants "positive affect" questions, such as "During the past few weeks, did you ever feel particularly excited or interested in something?" They were also asked "negative affect" questions, such as "During the past weeks, did you feel so restless that you couldn't sit long in a chair?"

The researchers found that negative affect decreased with age for all generations. Positive affect remained fairly stable across time, but there was a small decrease for the oldest participants in the study. The researchers did find, however, that those older participants who were more extraverted were less likely to show a decline in positive affect.

— Information taken from the American Psychological Association Web Site at <http://www.apa.org>

DoD task force report demands domestic violence crackdown

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – DoD's Task Force on Domestic Violence says the military must make it clear domestic violence often involves criminal behavior and challenge commanders to intensify efforts to prevent it. The panel's 12 military and 12 civilian members agreed that message must come from "the top," so they're asking the Defense Department's senior civilian leader to put out the word.

"An unequivocal statement from you will send a powerful signal throughout the department. It will make clear that this matter must be addressed decisively, judiciously and unwaveringly," task force co-chairs Marine Lt. Gen. Jack W. Klimp and Deborah D. Tucker wrote in a letter to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

In a report sent to the secretary and presented to staffers of the House and Senate armed services committees, the task force outlined its initial findings. The report also contains 59 recommendations to improve DoD's response to domestic violence, ranging from increasing military police training to enhancing victim safety.

The panel labeled the first of its 59 ideas – the zero-tolerance memo – "The Mother of All Recommendations." It asks the secretary to sign a proposed memorandum stating that domestic violence is a pervasive problem within society that transcends all ethnic, racial, gender and socioeconomic boundaries, and it will not be tolerated in the Department of Defense.

Overall, the task force report calls on the Defense Department to address domestic violence as it has other social problems that can adversely affect national security. Panel members noted that DoD has worked effectively, for example, to eliminate racial and gender discrimination by establishing equal opportunity policies.

The proposed Rumsfeld policy memo, Klimp told American Forces Information Service reporters, would set the command atmosphere the general considers "key to resolving almost every issue in the military."

"When the leader of the Department of Defense says, 'This is not good,' that (message) will percolate down through the chain of command," the general said. "Commanders can make it clear within their organizations that this kind of conduct is not appropriate for members of the armed forces and it won't be tolerated."

If signed, Rumsfeld's memo would form a rock-solid foundation for the panel's recommendations, said Tucker, Klimp's civilian counterpart. During a telephone interview from her office in Austin, Texas, she said the memo would stress the "importance the secretary attaches to ferreting out appropriate ways to intervene and prevent domestic violence."

In the civilian community, she noted, the president and Congress declared their commitment to preventing domestic violence when they passed the 1994 Violence Against Women Act. Asking the secretary for a similar declaration, she said, "felt very comfort-

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— Marine Lt. Gen. Jack W. Klimp

able to all of us as an appropriate, major step to take, particularly at this early stage in our effort."

The panel wants to raise awareness and increase the military's focus on domestic violence immediately, she said, rather than waiting until the end of the review. "We don't want everybody twiddling his or her thumbs for three years."

"What we've learned from intervening with alcohol is that we can keep people from absolutely falling into the abyss before they'll change. The same ought to be true here," she said. Both Klimp and Tucker said military officials at the four bases visited did not hesitate to admit domestic violence is a problem within the services, just as it is in the civilian community.

"It was really heartening to see that folks weren't holding us at arm's length or trying to put up a wall between them and us," said Klimp, Marine Corps deputy commandant for manpower and reserve affairs. "They were very open. Everybody was more than willing to point out where they thought there were weaknesses in how they were dealing with the issue."

Tucker, head of the National Training Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, said she found "more cooperation than de-

fensiveness" during the base visits. She said her experiences in civilian communities had led her to expect more opposition.

"From time to time, I've encountered people who are very defensive and closed and afraid that you're there to identify everything they're doing wrong," she remarked. "I expected a tad more of that than we saw this first year."

Tucker, who's fought domestic violence in the civilian community for 25 years, admitted she was surprised at "the depth and breadth" of the military's efforts to deal with domestic violence.

"I didn't realize there was quite as much in place as there truly is," she said. "That isn't to say that it's all working, but there's a sincere desire to try to get it right."

Asked how domestic violence within the military compares to the civilian world, Tucker said she's still studying the issue. She's not convinced, for instance, that the military has more violent offenders than the civilian community, as some people have alleged.

"I think the difference might be that when the military knows about abusive behavior, intervention at even relatively low levels of abuse tends to be much more swift and complete," she speculated.

About 69 percent of the 12,043 substantiated reports of domestic violence recorded by DoD in fiscal 1999 involved mild abuse, according to DoD officials. About 24 percent involved moderate abuse; 6 percent, severe abuse; and 1 percent, unknown.

Under its three-year charter in the fiscal 2000 Defense Authorization Act, the task force began studying domestic violence in April 2000. The group visited Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, and Langley Air Force Base and Naval Station Norfolk in Virginia. Further visits are slated to European Command in May and Pacific Command in September.

Klimp said the bases visited so far – one of each service – approached domestic violence much the same way, though some places "did it a little better." The panel's 59 recommendations, he said, "could probably be classified as the 'best business practices' we've observed throughout the year."

Editors Note

If you, or someone near you suffers from domestic violence, contact the Marine Corps Community Services – Personal Services Division, 577-6533.

Personal Services Director : William Boxx

Program Director: Dr. David Neimann

Law Enforcement Weekend

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW LOG staff

Law Enforcement Weekend featured events that started with the Law Enforcement Breakfast at the Oasis Club.

The guest speaker was Charles 'Sid' Heal, commander of the special enforcement bureau, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. Heal is very experienced in law enforcement and has been involved in the Marine Corps Reserve for 32 years.

After the breakfast, the bowling tournament ensued at the base bowling alley. Five teams participated in the event.

The tournament was decided on the best team score after three games.

Coming in last place were the Mooleys. They finished with a total score of 1450. Adam Lannon was the team's high bowler with a total score of 313. Justin Jones had the best single game score for the team with 124 in the second game.

Coming in fourth place was Shaft Enterprise. Their team total score was 1939. The team's high bowler was Shelton Lawson, who bowled a 419

for the three games. The high single game score belonged to Jeffrey Frydrych, who bowled a 170 in the first game.

The third place team was Thrown Together. They finished with a total score of 1996. Jeremy Bledsoe was the team's high bowler with a 503. Michelle Phillips bowled the single game best for her team with a 189.

Watch Out came in second with a total score of 2123. Their high bowler was also the high bowler for the tournament. Odis Gentry or as he is better known, "The Big O," turned in a 643 for the tournament. He also had the team's high one game total of 244.

The team that took home the first place trophies were Full House. The team finished with a total of 2303 points. David Pooler was the team's highest scorer and second overall with a 603. He also scored the single game high for Full House with a 212.

The next day's events consisted of the pistol competition and the softball tournament. The Robert A. Sessions Softball Tournament started with a round robin between the four teams, and then single elimination playoffs.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Lance Corporals Patrick Jennings and Cory Eads help put together some camouflaged netting at the MCLB pistol range. Many military policemen volunteered their time to help make Law Enforcement Weekend run smoothly.

PMO squared off in the first game with the Fire Department, while Barstow PD played 29 Palms PMO in the other game.

PMO and the Fire Department were neck and neck the entire game. The score was tied going into the bottom of the seventh inning, when the Fire Department strung together two hits and a sacrifice to score the winning run.

Barstow PD knocked 29 Palms off the field by hitting six consecutive home runs, and ended up winning by the slaughter rule.

In the second round of games, PMO took on Barstow PD and 29 Palms faced off with the Fire Department.

PMO played airtight defense and only let two runs across the plate in the last inning. Meanwhile, they started crushing the ball and slaughter ruled Barstow PD 13-2.

The Fire Department did much of the same to 29 Palms and beat them by a decisive margin.

In the third round of the round robin, PMO faced their counterparts from 29 Palms and the Fire Department squared off against Barstow PD.

PMO had no trouble with 29 Palms as Bryce Catlett hit one home run and Jason Grimes had two for PMO.

The Fire Department laid waste to Barstow PD in their game to go undefeated through the first round. The seeding for the single elimination playoff was the Fire Department at number one, number two PMO, Barstow PD at the three spot, and 29 Palms dragging up the rear.

In the semifinals, PMO faced Barstow PD, and the Fire Department took on 29 Palms. PMO slaughter

ruled Barstow PD once again to cruise to the finals. The Fire Department had no trouble with 29 Palms on their way to the championship as well.

In the championship game, the Fire Department took a commanding early lead. They were up by 10 runs on PMO at the start of the fourth inning. PMO refused to quit however, and chipped its way back into the game slowly. By the bottom of the seventh inning, PMO was down two runs with only three outs away from losing.

PMO managed to get one runner aboard with one out. PMO came within one run of tying the game, but the next batter got out, leaving PMO one out away from elimination.

Peter Vegliante stepped to the plate and gave everybody a scare by swinging and missing for strike two. He

composed himself though and drove one into center field to tie the game.

With Vegliante on first Grimes came up to bat. With one swing, he sent a drive to deep right center field. Vegliante was running because there were two outs. The outfielder looked like he had a shot at catching the ball, but at the last second he backed off, and the ball bounced off of the top of the outfield fence. Vegliante was waved home and scored the winning run to pay the Fire Department back for doing the same thing to PMO in the first game.

Grimes had the hit that won the championship, but Michelle Phillips was named MVP for her solid play at second base and her sweet swing that provided the most hits throughout the tournament for the team.

Forest Hill, coach, received the first place trophy for the team.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Michelle Phillips smacks a drive into left field. She surprised the opposing teams with her power at the plate.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Sergeant Dallas Miller prepares to go for a strike in the Law Enforcement Bowling Tournament. He was on the winning team, Full House.



By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

Memorial Day Sale

The Memorial Day Sale is underway at the Exchange/Super Seven Store. Check out these bargains: Technics speakers for your home at the low price of \$129.95. Or this great buy – a flat-screen Panasonic TV, while stocks last, for only \$499.95. For your car –check out this – Blaupunkt car stereo and CD player on sale for \$139.95.

The Memorial Day Sale runs through the rest of this month. Come and browse around.

The Exchange/Super Seven Store is open Mondays – Fridays, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 256-8974 for details.

The Railhead Exchange at the Yermo Annex is open Mondays–Fridays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. During troop rotation the Railhead Exchange is

open Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lunch Menu

Today – Hamburger pie.
Friday– Baked trout and sauteed mushrooms.
Monday – Hot beef and cheddar sandwiches.
Tuesday – Prime rib.
Wednesday – Liver and onions.
Thursday – Soup and salad.

Lunch is served 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$3 military, \$4.50 civilians.

A la carte and sub sandwiches are also available for lunch.

Family Night menu

Tonight – South of the Border Night.
Next Thursday – Meat Loaf.
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MCCS MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE



The following MCCS facilities are OPEN through the Memorial Day weekend:

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The Family Restaurant is serving breakfast and dinner from the menu throughout the weekend from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Golf Course is open Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Gym/Fitness Center is open Friday, 5 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The following MCCS facilities are CLOSED Monday for the holiday:

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A moment of remembrance

Memorial Day ... it's not about war ... it's about people.

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This Memorial Day, please pause with Americans at home and abroad to honor the men and women who died so that we might enjoy the gift of freedom.

Let us never forget their sacrifice. At 3 p.m., simply stop what you

are doing and think for one minute about those who died for your freedom.

If you are driving, turn on your vehicle's headlights.

As you participate in the National Moment of Remembrance, you are helping reclaim Memorial Day for the noble purpose for which it was established – to honor those who died in service to our Nation.

Join with the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance in honoring those who have died and their families.

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Monday, May 28, 2001
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Disneyland/Cal. Adventure 2-day	Jun. 20, 2001	\$66.50 / \$66.50	-----	-----
Disneyland/Cal. Adventure 3-day	Jun. 20, 2001	\$79.50 / \$79.50	-----	\$111.00 / \$87.00
Disneyland/Cal. Adventure 3-day	Dec. 30, 2001	\$20.50 / \$15.00	3 - 11 years	\$ 40.00 / \$30.00
Knott'sberry Farm	Dec. 30, 2001	\$26.25 / \$26.25	3 - 16 years	\$ 34.00 / \$29.00
Legoland	Dec. 30, 2001	\$13.00 / \$ 7.50	3 - 11 years	\$ 14.95 / \$ 7.95
Long Beach Aquarium	Jun. 30, 2001	\$20.50 / \$12.00	under 48"	\$ 42.99 / \$20.50
Magic Mountain	Nov. 30, 2001	\$32.00 / \$24.00	under 12 yrs.	\$ 39.95 / \$26.95
Medieval Times	-----	\$ 8.50 / \$ 6.00	4 - 11 years	\$ 12.95 / \$ 6.95
Move! Wax Museum	-----	\$20.25 / \$10.75	4 - 12 years	\$ 24.00 / \$12.00
Old Town Trolley	-----	\$ 7.50 / \$ 5.00	4 - 11 years	\$ 8.95 / \$ 5.25
Ripley's Museum	Jan. 31, 2002	\$22.00 / \$12.00	3 - 11 years	\$ 28.50 / \$16.50
San Diego Zoo	Mar. 31, 2002	\$34.75 / \$26.75	3 - 11 years	\$ 41.95 / \$31.95
Sea World	Dec. 31, 2001	\$30.00 / \$25.00	3 - 11 years	\$ 43.00 / \$32.00
Universal Studios	Jan. 31, 2002	\$20.00 / \$15.00	3 - 11 years	\$ 25.45 / \$18.45
Wild Animal Park	Nov. 30, 2002	\$26.00 / \$18.00	3 - 11 years	\$ 37.95 / \$23.95
Wild Bill's Dinner & Show	Jun. 30, 2001	\$28.00 / \$25.00	3 - 11 years	\$ 43.00 / \$32.00
Universal Studios Special	-----	\$ 6.50 / \$ 6.50	4 - 12 years	\$ 13.00 / \$13.00
Harbor Tour 1-hour	-----	\$ 9.00 / \$ 9.00	4 - 12 years	\$ 18.00 / \$18.00
Harbor Tour 2-hours	-----	\$42.50 / \$42.50	-----	\$ 55.00 / \$55.00
Harbor Dinner Cruise	-----	\$36.50 / \$36.50	2 - 11 years	\$ 41.50 / \$31.50
Catalina Express Tour	-----	\$15.50 / \$ 8.75	3 - 11 years	\$ 17.00 / \$ 9.00
Catalina Sightseeing Tour	Jun. 17, 2001	\$11.50 / \$ 6.00	5 - 11 years	\$ 17.50 / \$ 7.50
Renaissance Faire	-----	\$16.50 / \$13.00	-----	\$ 21.00 / \$14.95
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years. While not as long-lived as the VFW, Congress chartered the American Legion in 1919 as a patriotic, mutual-help, wartime veterans' organization.

"If you are on active duty today, anywhere in the world, or have served during any eligible war eras, you are a veteran and you're eligible to become a Legionnaire," according to the American Legion Web site at <http://www.legion.org>.

When wars happen, people get injured and disabled. The Disabled American Veterans organization watches out for these wounded and fallen heroes. Anyone in U.S. military service who was injured or disabled during time of war in the line of duty and was not dishonorably discharged or separated from such service, or who may still be in active service in the armed forces of the United States of America is eligible for membership in the Disabled American Veterans.

The self-proclaimed fourth-largest

veteran's service organization in the nation, the American Veterans, include veterans from every era - anyone who has honorably served in the U.S. Armed Forces after September 15, 1940, to include those on active duty and in the reserves. AMVETS monitors legislation that affects America's veterans. Through congressional testimony, correspondence with committees on veterans' affairs, and lobbying efforts, they promote the views and

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SPORTS

MCLB children enjoy baseball experience

By Lance Cpl. **Phuong Chau**
MCLB Albany Staff

Children's laughter and the cracks of baseballs hitting bats fill the air. Encouraging voices come from the viewing stands. Coaches, who want their players to do well, yell out advice. This is baseball, America's favorite pastime. The YMCA Youth Baseball League season opened April 23 and will continue to June 9. Many of the Marine Base's families' children are involved in this program, said Staff Sgt. Jerry Cordoba Jr., who helped to organize the teams. About 55 players participate in the league from MCLB Albany, Cordoba said. The base has four teams and each team has up to 14

players. The ages range from 4-6 to 9-12. Marine Corps Community Services, along with the YMCA, support the base's involvement in the baseball league, said Cordoba. "I have three boys and there wasn't many youth baseball programs for kids," said Cordoba. Cordoba and his wife, Debbie, organized MCLB Albany's youth baseball season. Mrs. Cordoba passed out flyers asking for participation, said Cordoba. To gain enough participation, she walked door-to-door and asked children to play baseball. "A lot of these kids have not played in organized sports," said Cordoba. "I enjoy it. I am going to be the next Sammy Sosa," said Alexander Gray, a Rockies player.

The Rockies, who are the base coach pitch team, which includes children ages 7 to 8, played here Tuesday evening. In coach pitch baseball the coach pitches the ball to the hitter. Fundamentals of baseball are taught and there is no emphasis on winning. "It (having games on base) is more convenient. It (the league) gives the kids a chance to do something rather than being bored," said Rebecca Esquibel, mother of two Rockies. "There is a wealth of talent out there," said 1st Lt. Lionel B. Blackman, coach of the Rockies. "It is my first time coaching any sports. When you see a child progress from running to throwing the ball, that's rewarding." "I think it's important to let the children work together in a team," Blackman added. "I think it's good for the kids' teaching

them the fundamentals of baseball," said Sgt. Shannon N. Holman, who helps coach the Rockies. "It is important taking them out here and letting them have fun." The coaches hope the positive response to the league, means it will continue to grow and be successful. "I hope MCCS can keep this going every year. We need their support," said Sgt. Michael J. Maschmeier, who helps coach the Rockies. For the next few weeks, the children of MCLB Albany will continue to play baseball. Players will knock balls into the field. Children will scramble for the ball and get an 'out.' Teamwork and sportsmanship will continue, and the community will have fun together.

Hockey team starts up again

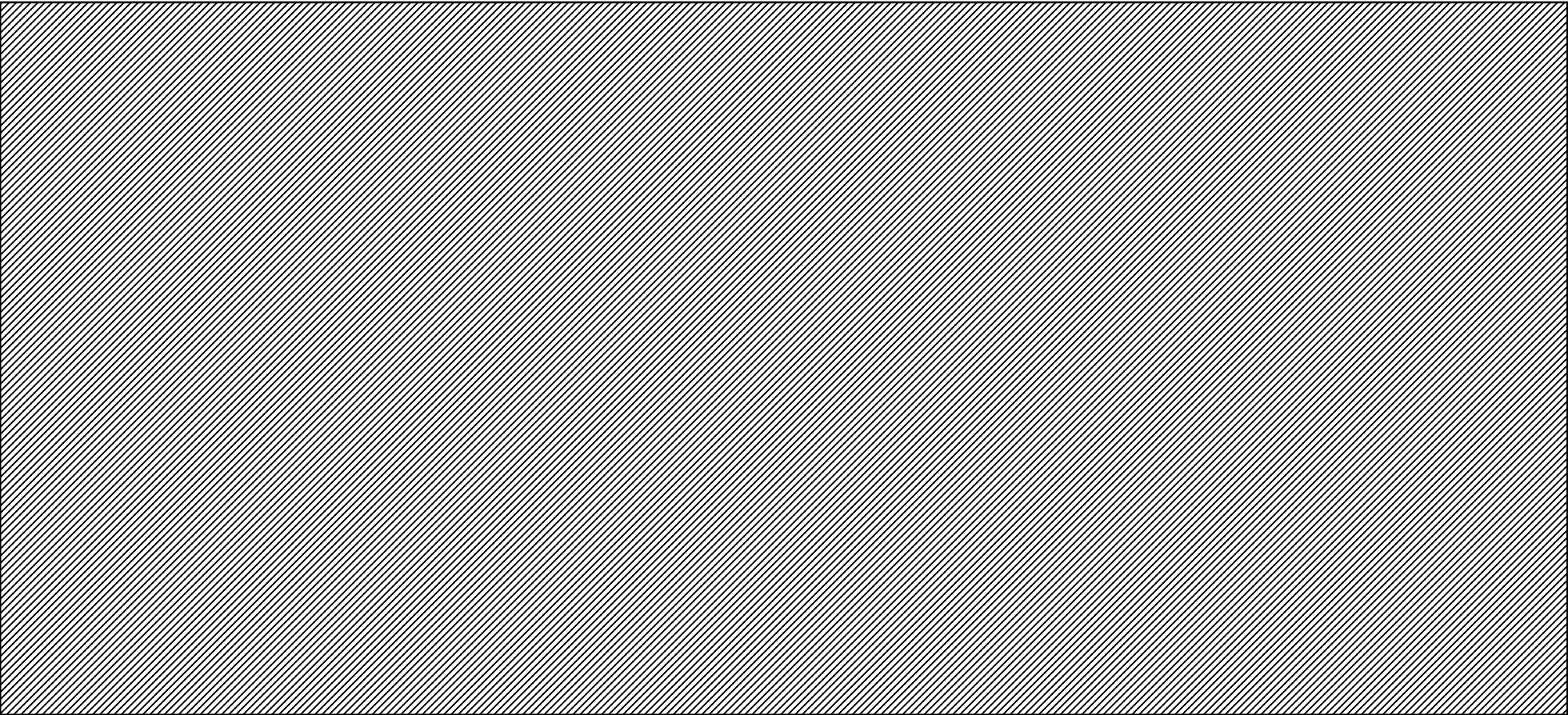
By Cpl. **Joshua Barnhardt**
BARSTOW LOG staff

The MCLB Roller Hockey Team is getting back together to play some hockey. The team has been idle for eight months. It has played in the Fort Irwin base league for the past few years, but not this year. In fact, there almost wasn't a team this year. Not until players who still wanted to have a team got together and decided the team should live on. Jason Cortright came to Barstow from Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center recently. He is one of the catalysts behind saving the team. He has been a goalie on All-Marine teams in the past and wanted to continue playing hockey here. The team is a mixture of civilian Marines and active duty Marines. Jeff Donovan and Mike Puglisi Sr. are civilian Marines who are team cap-

tains along with Cortright on the team. To help the team, Shayhna Cortright offered her services to find places for the team to practice and play. They are entering Top Cat Tournaments to play against good competition. "All you need is a pair of rollerblades to play if you are active duty," said Cortright. The rest of the equipment needed can be checked out at the base gym. The team is open to anybody affiliated with the base. Family members can play on the team as well. "We want to get more active duty Marines to play," said Cortright. Adding more Marines would help emphasize that it is a base team, and more funding can be available to the team. For more information about the team, or to find out practice times, contact Shayhna Cortright at 252-0736, or Jason Cortright at 577-6197.



Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly
Jason Cortright sprawls to make a pad save. He is the goalie and one of the team captains for the MCLB Roller Hockey Team.



SPORTS

Bulldogs shut down Cubic after slow start

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW LOG staff

The MCLB Bulldogs pulled out another convincing victory, 17-3, at the SPORTSPARK against Cubic, May 17.

Bryan McClune went 3-for-3 with three runs scored to push the Bulldogs to the easy win.

The Bulldogs started the game slowly by only scoring two runs in the first inning. Their defense made up for it though, as they held Cubic scoreless.

MCLB added four more in the bottom of the second inning, and took a 5-0 lead.

Cubic broke their scoring drought in the top of the third inning. They scored three runs on some hits and a couple of errors by the Bulldog defense.

The Bulldogs were stopped cold in the third inning, not scoring any runs. Cubic came up threatening to tie the score, but didn't score any

runs.

The Bulldogs were not much better in the bottom of the fourth inning, only adding one run to make the score 6-3.

With the game still in doubt, the Bulldogs shut down Cubic in the top of the fifth. In the bottom half of the inning though, the giant woke up and MCLB started hitting.

Before Cubic knew what had happened to them, the Bulldogs had five runs and were quickly adding more.

The umpire forgot about the slaughter rule, which would have given the victory to MCLB after the score reached 13-3. The two teams kept playing until the score was 17-3 when the umpire finally realized the game was over.

MCLB flushed another team down the drain on their way to gaining a tie for first in the "C" Division in the Barstow Softball League. Their next game is tonight at 6 p.m. against CT Sales.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Bryan McClune follows through on one of his three hits on the night. He helped hit the Bulldogs to victory.

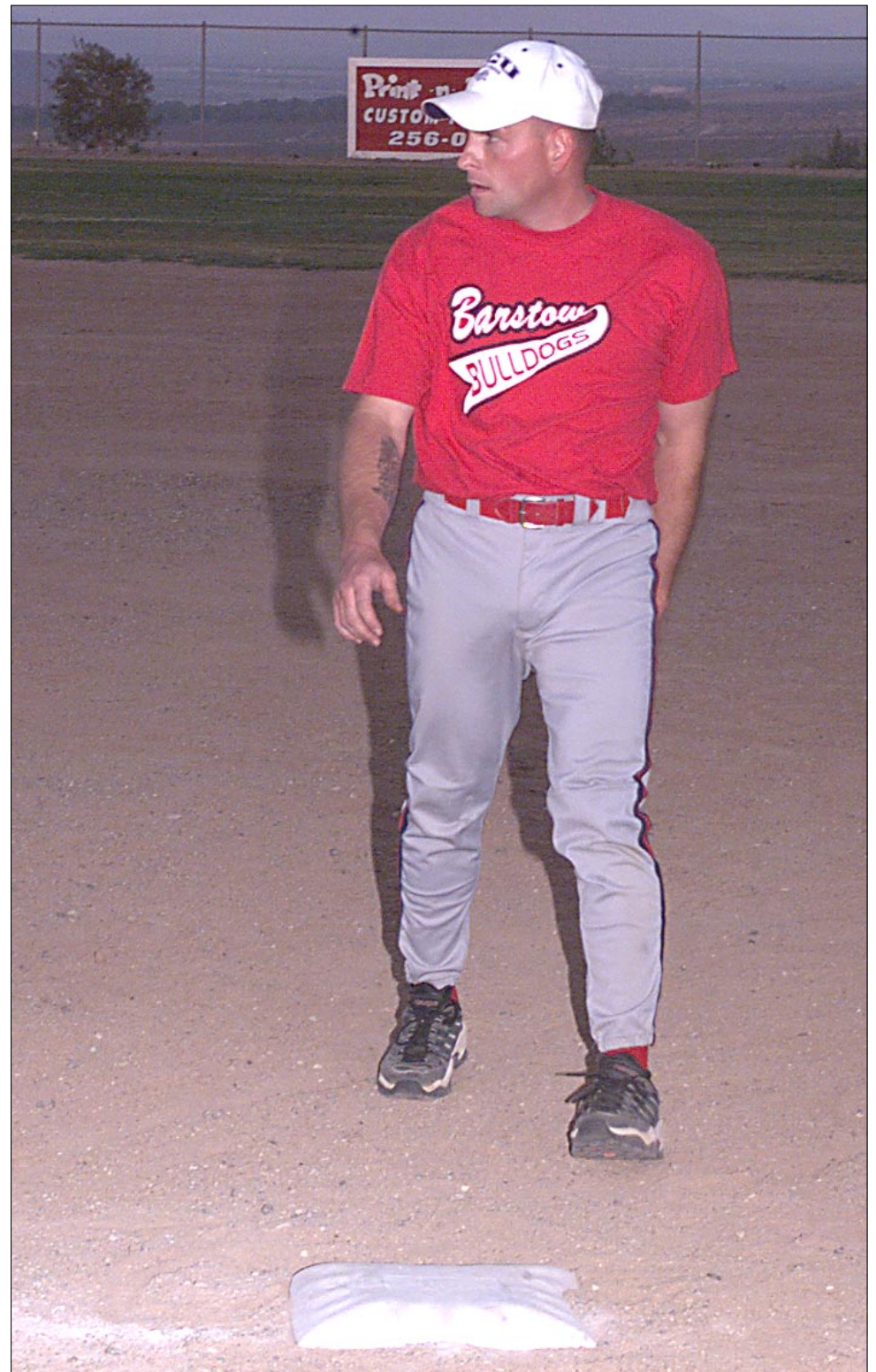


Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Dennis Owen strolls back to first base after hitting a single. Owen is the lead-off hitter for the team.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Tucson softball tournament

The 13th annual Weekend Bash softball tournament will be held June 23-24 in Tucson, Ariz. The champions walk off with their choice of new gloves or bats. The top four teams receive awards. For more information, call Greg Manning, (520) 228-5478.

MCLB Soccer seeks players

Once again soccer season is approaching, and the MCLB team needs players to fill the roster.

This year the team is competing against the teams at MCCDC Twentynine Palms.

Practice is Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m. at Sorensen Field.

Military and civilian family members are invited to join.

For more info call Lance Cpl. Edward M. Torresosorio, 577-6408, or Lance Cpl. Eduardo H. Nuno, 577-6475.

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opinions of American veterans on Capitol Hill. Their goal is to preserve the entitlements of honorably discharged veterans.

"AMVETS membership is open to all who have served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard on or after September 15, 1940, and to those who are currently serving our country, active and reserve," according to the American Veterans Web site at <http://www.amvets.org>.

Whether they are lobbying Congress about medical benefits, celebrating holidays with the same patriotic fervor that drove them to join the military in first place, or swapping sea stories about combat in foreign lands, the members of these organizations strive

to continue their service to the United States and her defenders.

But a lack of interest by today's active duty service members is causing the untimely demise of these proud organizations.

"A lot of the older generation are dying off," explained GySgt. Samuel Keeney (retired), senior vice commander Post 2143 and post services officer. "They need the young blood to keep the organization going."

Editor's Note

Below are the mailing addresses and the telephone numbers to the local American Legions, Disabled American Veterans association, Marine Corps League and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

American Legion Post 324 P.O. Box 485 Barstow, CA 92311 (760) 252-8369	American Legion Post 751 P.O. Box 247 Newberry Springs, CA 92365 (760) 257-3173	Marine Corps League P.O. Box 1331 Barstow, CA 92311 (760) 256-2476
American Legion Post 797 P.O. Box 797 Yermo, CA 92398 (760) 254-2751	Disabled American Veterans P.O. Box 1085 Barstow, CA 93221 (760) 253-5573	VFW Post 2143 25190 West Main Street Barstow, CA 92311 (760) 253-2610

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who used to write for the BARSTOW LOG. I told him I was, but I was sorry I didn't remember him.

"That's OK," he said. He said he was only an E-3 when he moved in across the hall from me. He was only there three weeks before I was out of the Marine Corps. I waited for him to say he remembered how wild I was, or how the guys still talked about the things I had done. Instead, he said, "I remember a speech you gave in front of everyone after that guy died. I remember how upset you looked, and everything you saw that night. I wanted you to know I don't drink and drive because of you."

I could barely manage to say thank you. He listened. Somebody had listened.

"I'll make sure your friend gets the message," he had said.

"Thanks again," I told him. "forget the message, I'm just glad you heard me."

This is a real event I witnessed in 2000. I have left out the names of everyone involved. I don't drink and drive anymore after seeing this. What will it take for you to stop drinking and driving?

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normally can't be withdrawn without penalty until reaching the specified age (currently 59 1/2) in TSP law.

"I would encourage everyone who is financially able to take advantage of this initiative designed to help [Marines and] Sailors plan for their future," said Ryan.

Like the civilian TSP program, military TSP will be managed by the Federal Thrift Investment Board. The military's role will be to help investors establish initial TSP account through the appropriate personnel support office.

Once an account has been established, members correspond directly with the National Finance Center in New Orleans to monitor and make investment changes to their TSP account.

Editors Note

For more information on the Thrift Savings Plan, visit the Web site at <http://www.tsp.gov>.

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the Government needed a Dictator. Of course it was not for this, but in spite of it, that I have given you the command. Only those generals who gain successes, can set up dictators. What I now ask of you is military success, and I will risk the dictatorship."

Hooker led the Army of the Potomac to defeat in the Battle of Chancellorsville, and he resigned the position just before the Battle of Gettysburg.

Gen. U.S. Grant, on the other hand, had a completely different take on the situation. In 1863, following victories at Vicksburg, Miss. and Chattanooga, Tenn., Democrats tried to recruit Grant as their nominee for president against Lincoln in 1864. Some Republican leaders also tried to get Grant to replace the president. He categorically refused. Grant was elected president in 1868, after he had resigned from the Army.

The country survived the Civil War with the idea of civilian control of the military still intact. The military shrank in size and was mostly in the West. Military

officers shied away from politics and many even refused to vote, feeling that this would somehow influence their service.

This held true through World War II. There was such separation that after World War II, Democratic President Harry S. Truman offered to give the Democratic nomination for president in 1948 to General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower. Ike, a graduate of West Point, had never voted. People did not know his party affiliation. He turned down Truman's offer, but in 1952 did run for president – as a Republican.

Today, service members of all ranks are encouraged to vote. The military vote in Florida in this past election was crucial. Once they vote, however, soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen are expected to forget their party affiliations and follow the orders of the civilian leaders regardless of the party. Military members swear "to support and defend the Constitution of the United States." One of the more successful aspects of that document is civilian control of the military.

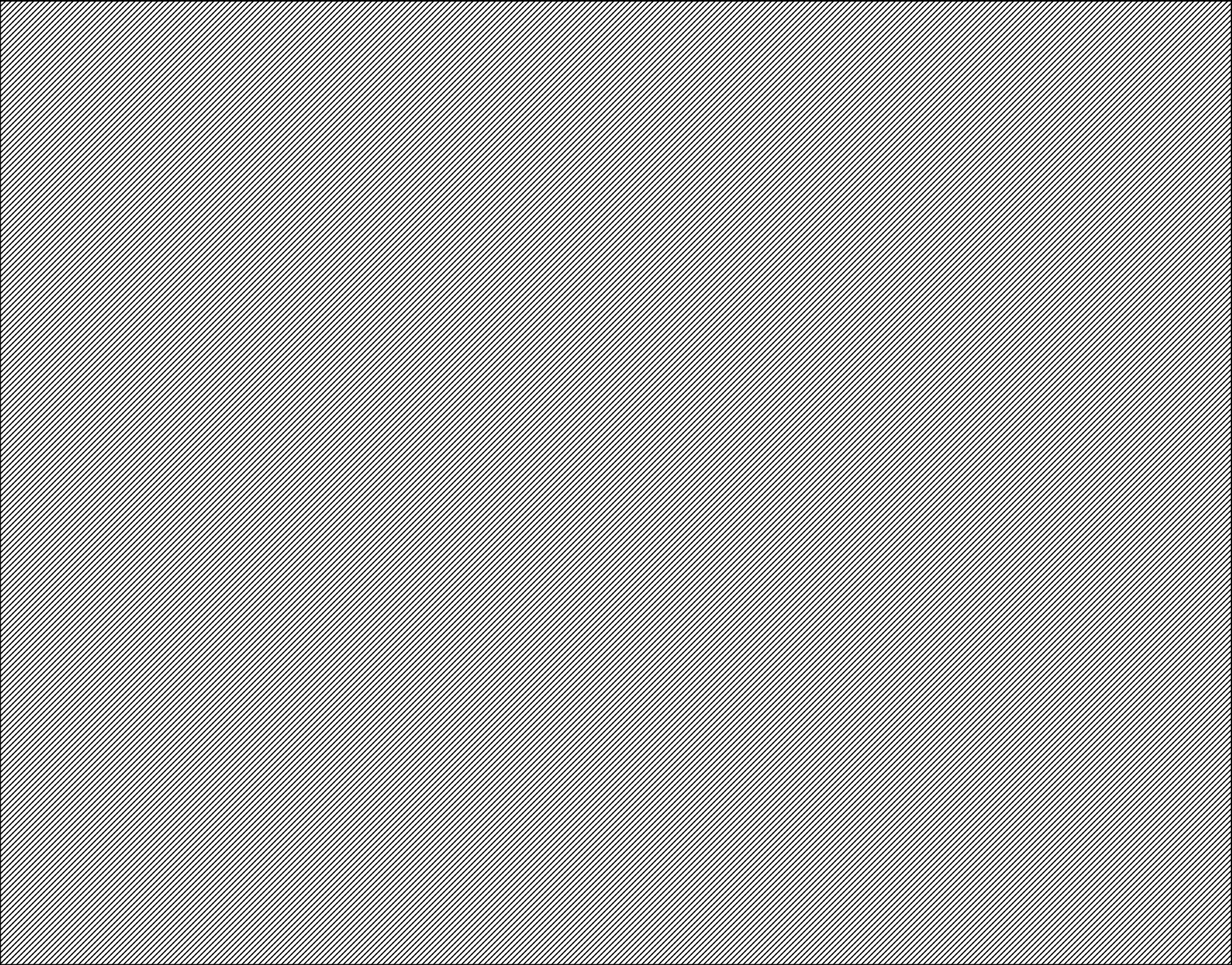
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"Over a period of about one year, students in the Special Forces qualification course receive about 30 to 40 hours of combative training," Darby said. This training, she added, begins with basic hand-to-hand moves and advances as students progress through the qualification course.

After troops graduate from initial Special Forces training and are assigned to their operational groups, they undergo more specialized hand-to-hand combative training, tailored to the mission needs of each unit, said Maj. Jonathan B. Withington, spokesman for U.S. Army Special Forces Command at Fort Bragg.

The Navy and Air Force also provide hand-to-hand and martial arts training, but normally only for members of special operations and law enforcement units.

Air Force and Navy recruits don't receive bayonet or hand-to-hand combat training, according to service officials.



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1998 NEON: A/C, 4 door, 30K miles, 5 speed, white runs great, \$8,500. Call 252-9199.

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SERVICES: Attn. ladies, aesthetic body waxing and henna tattoos available right here on MCLB. Great rates, call for your appointment, 252-8666.

MISCELLANEOUS: Schwinn 28mm (23") touring bike, 12 speed, Shimano gears, Exage derailleur, Exage brakes, clipless pedals by "look", size 9 clipless shoes, touring pack, Bell helmet, Areo bar, lights, car bike rack, Cateye Vertra timer/clock, \$200 OBO Call 946-1340.

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w/white pick guard, strap and distortion pedal included, \$200. Call 957-1709.

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